

Minutes of the October 19th, 2006

Lincoln Land Trust Meeting

Call to Order @ 7:11. Present: Janet Butler, Janice Ferry, Judy Hadley and Jim Jahnz

Also present are T. Joseph Almond, Richard Foster, Dean Lees, and Ed O'Neill, candidates for Town Administrator

Approval of September minutes motion by Jim, and seconded by Janice

A Correction was made to designate the month of minutes being approved..

Town Administrator candidates will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes, at which point Land Trust members can ask questions of the candidates.

Ed O'Neill volunteers to go first

- Interest in the Land Trust goes back a couple of years, and pre-dates founding of the L. Taxpayer's Association**
- LTA charter/by-laws demonstrate a desire to keep Lincoln rural**
- Sewer bond caused huge changes throughout Lincoln**
- Parcel in Manville is of great interest for many reasons**
- Changes in ordinance for impact fees coming to pass**
- Funding for Land Trust not taken seriously in past**
- What has this administration and the Trust accomplished over time?**

Questions posed were

How can open space be funded without impact fees?

How do you plan to acquire open space-would you be open to use

the ranking criteria we developed?

Address the affordable housing orientation (note an article in ProJo this week concerning South Kingstown)

Would you support a charter change that allows the LLT chair to participate in budget and purchase of parcels in town?

Richard Foster

- **Stallwood sewer program killed rural character of town**
- **Property owners have right to do with their property as they will**
- **Funding vehicle for open space is disappearing-not much left after purchase of Camp Meehan**
- **Town Council should be pushed for a vehicle for this funding (bonds or reserve cash)**
- **All parcels should be categorized and a wish list maintained**
- **LLT should not just be decoration, but taken seriously by the Town administration**
- **Middle School project- restricted based on easements-this occurs all over town and is getting worse**
- **Open space should be acquired with a specific goal in mind**
- **Negotiations for open space need to be done without LLT chair due to the “body language” game that is played**

No questions for this candidate.

Joe Almond

- **Open space translates into recreation with value for the property**
- **Lincoln is no longer rural-surprise to many!**
- **Town was sewered without rezoning, and this caused the bruha**
- **Town is made to compete with developers for parcels-developers**

have much more \$ to draw on than the town

- **Next generation needs to see a value in open space as passive recreation-educate the kids!**
- **We market against ourselves to purchase land**
- **Rte 295 runoff goes directly into Handy Pond-problem?**
- **Must bring all competing interests together and work together so that all win-continuing as we are, nobody will win, least of all the town people**
- **Zoning changes will bring developers to the table-serious consideration!**
- **Need to write management plans for the parcels that are left-proactivity**

No questions for this candidate.

Dean Lees

- **Town Planner is supposed to initiate work with all stakeholders in town (Conservation Comm., LLT, Recreation)**
- **Open space strategies in place**
- **Re-do of the Comprehensive Plan-village orientated**
- **Land use issues must comply with the Comprehensive Plan**
- **Mr. Lees made sure that the Town Planner was certified**
- **Open space cannot be a priority with the economy in the toilet**
- **Infrastructure was designed to support 1 acre parcels in Limerock so that it did not wind up looking like Saylesville and Lonsdale**
- **When land is purchased, the LLT determines who the deed goes to-really?**

No questions for this candidate.

3) Correspondence

None at this time.

4) Land Trust Project

Judy got an update from all of us. Filming needs to be completed by next meeting!

Motion to close Public meeting at 8:40 to move to Executive Session.

All members vote yes.

Discussion of the changes in the acquisition of Lepore Farm ensue.

This information will become public at a later date. Cite Section 42-46-5 of the RI General Law

NP Land Trust will not pursue Lepore Farm any longer, but is changing its sights to Camp Meehan.

Capitol city approached them first, and this parcel is contiguous with Notte park, it makes sense for them.

Al Ranaldi will still pursue a DEM grant for the Lepore Farm purchase.

LLT members vote to support the moving ahead with purchase of Lepore Farm.

A note is scripted by LLT to be sent to the Town Administration showing our support here.

Motion is made to forward memo to Administrator, Planner and Council-approved by all present

Vote to close Executive session at 8:50, and re-open public session

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5) Old Business

- Ordinance posted after the election.
- Update on Pine Street parcel in Manville. Verizon “boxes: are butting up against the foundation of the condo.
- Special Meeting of the Zoning Board is Oct 24th

6.) New Business

- John Scanlon hosted a meeting between Conservation Comm., LLT and the Hearthside contingent. Bring all of the concerned To the table and get them working together.
- Heritage corridor is renewed for another five years. Good news!

Adjourned at 9:05 PM

Next meeting is November 14th @ 7PM.